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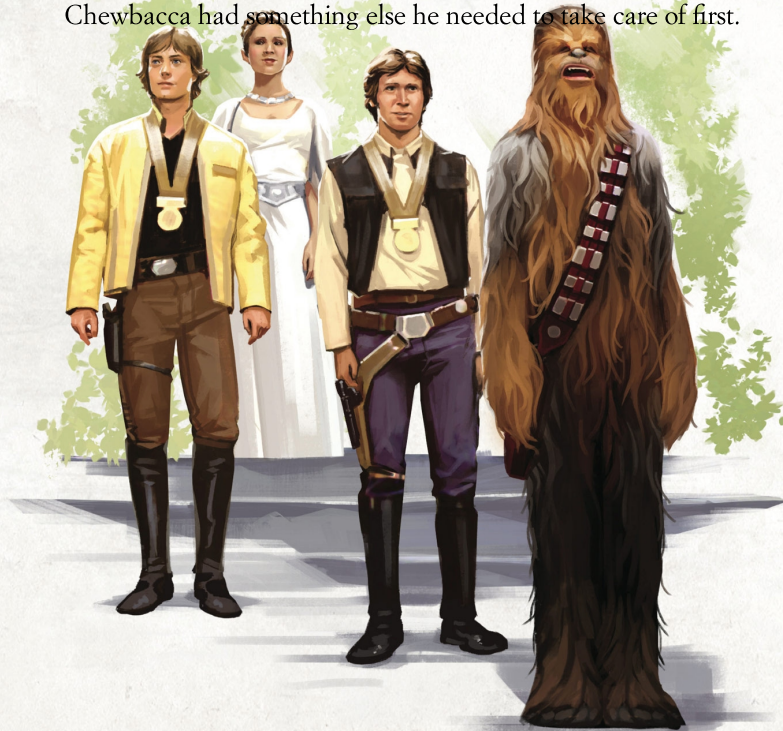
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CHEWBACCA THE WOOKIEE WAS ON A MISSION.

He had helped the Rebellion destroy the Empire's dreaded superweapon, the Death Star, and his friends Han, Luke, and Leia needed his help to continue their fight to save the galaxy, but that would have to wait.

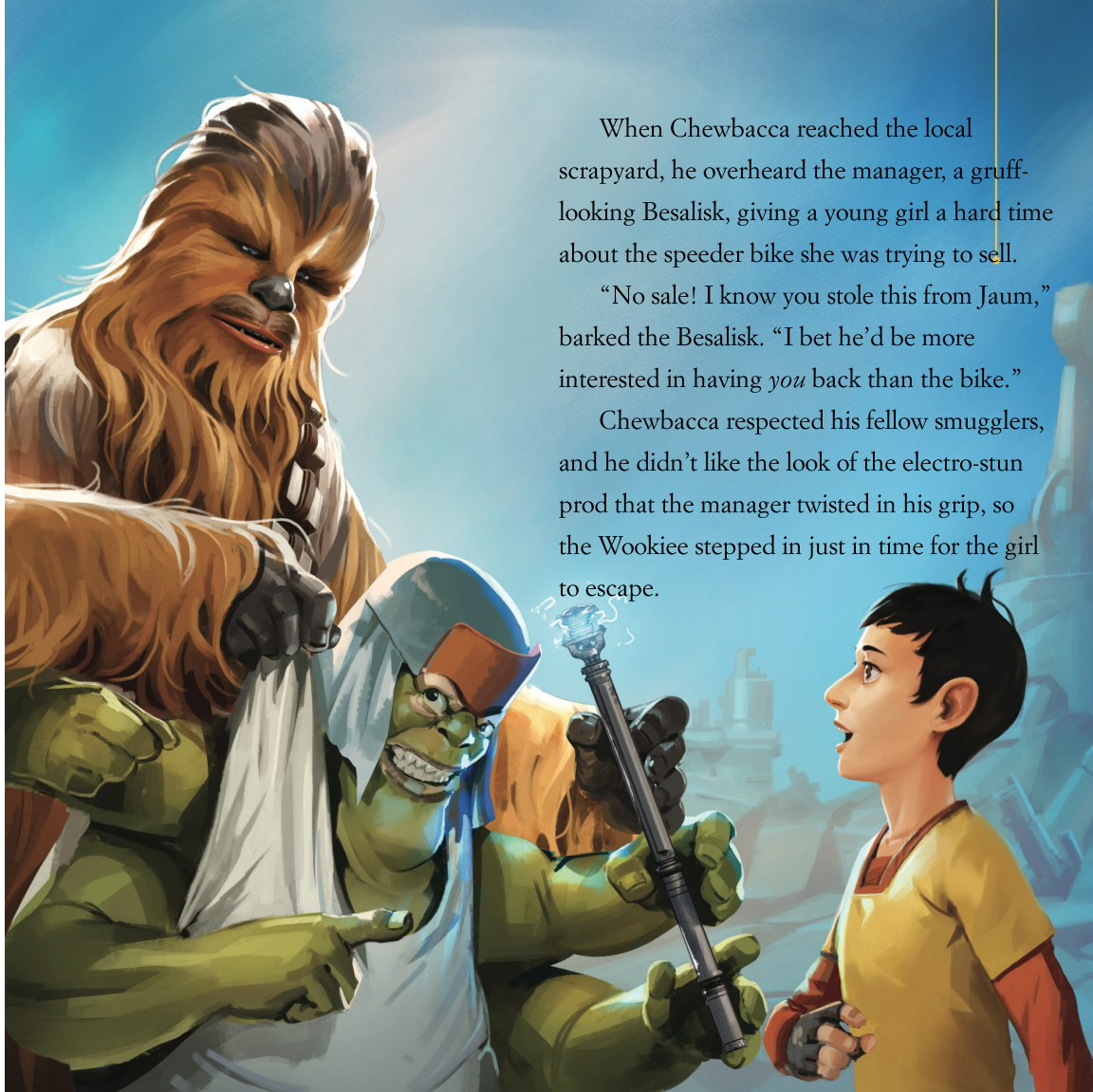
Chewbacca had something else he needed to take care of first.







Unfortunately, the ship Chewbacca had borrowed wasn't working properly. He would need to fix the flight stabilizer to continue on his journey. So the Wookiee set out for a nearby village to find the part he needed.



When Chewbacca reached the local scrapyards, he overheard the manager, a gruff-looking Besalisk, giving a young girl a hard time about the speeder bike she was trying to sell.

“No sale! I know you stole this from Jaum,” barked the Besalisk. “I bet he’d be more interested in having *you* back than the bike.”

Chewbacca respected his fellow smugglers, and he didn’t like the look of the electro-stun prod that the manager twisted in his grip, so the Wookiee stepped in just in time for the girl to escape.



With a new flight stabilizer in hand, Chewbacca made his way back to his ship, but he soon sensed that he was being followed.

It was the girl from the scrapyard. Her name was Zarro.

"I need some help," said the girl. "My dad and some of our friends are in big trouble."

Chewbacca roared.

"You don't have a translator?" Zarro asked.

Chewbacca roared again.

"Do you have a name?"

Chewbacca roared a third time.

Zarro was puzzled. "I don't know how to say that. . . ."



Zarro would not leave Chewbacca alone.

While he worked on fixing his ship, she told him why she needed his help.

Jaum, whose speeder bike she had stolen, was a gangster who had captured her and her father, along with many others, and forced them to work in one of his mines.

Zarro's dad had helped her escape with the bike, but she needed to go back to the mine to rescue him and the others. And she couldn't go alone.

Chewie groaned. His own mission would have to wait.





Back at the entrance to Jaum's mine, Zarro showed Chewie an air vent she needed him to climb down. The Wookiee was not pleased about the idea of shinnying down a tight air vent, but it was the only way for him to sneak inside without being detected.

Zarro had the opposite task. She needed to be detected so she could be thrown back into the mine.

Zarro was relieved to see her father again,
but then Jaum arrived.

The gangster announced that he was
selling the mine, and all the workers trapped
inside, to the Empire!

Zarro and her dad were doomed.







Suddenly, Chewbacca broke through the crumbling rocks above!

He had made his way down the cramped air vent and was able to battle Jaum's guards below.

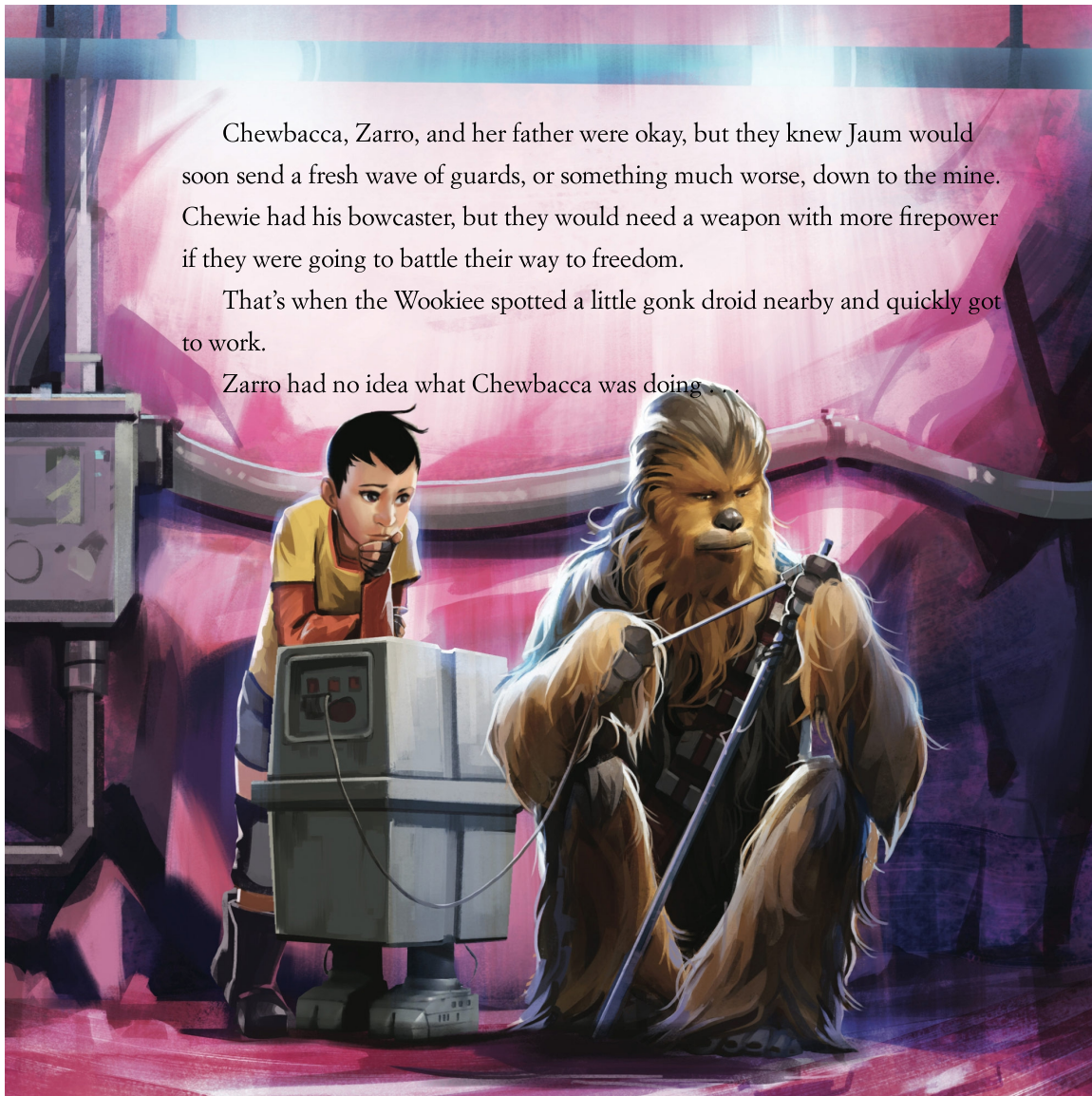
But the gangster managed to flee in all the chaos.



Chewbacca, Zarro, and her father were okay, but they knew Jaum would soon send a fresh wave of guards, or something much worse, down to the mine. Chewie had his bowcaster, but they would need a weapon with more firepower if they were going to battle their way to freedom.

That's when the Wookiee spotted a little gonk droid nearby and quickly got to work.

Zarro had no idea what Chewbacca was doing . . .





... but she knew he needed to do it quickly.

A rumble tore through the mine.

It was a two-wheeled battle droid firing heavy plasma bolts!

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Chewbacca thrust a staff at the battle droid, and it fizzled to a stop.

He had rewired the gonk droid and connected its power source to the staff.

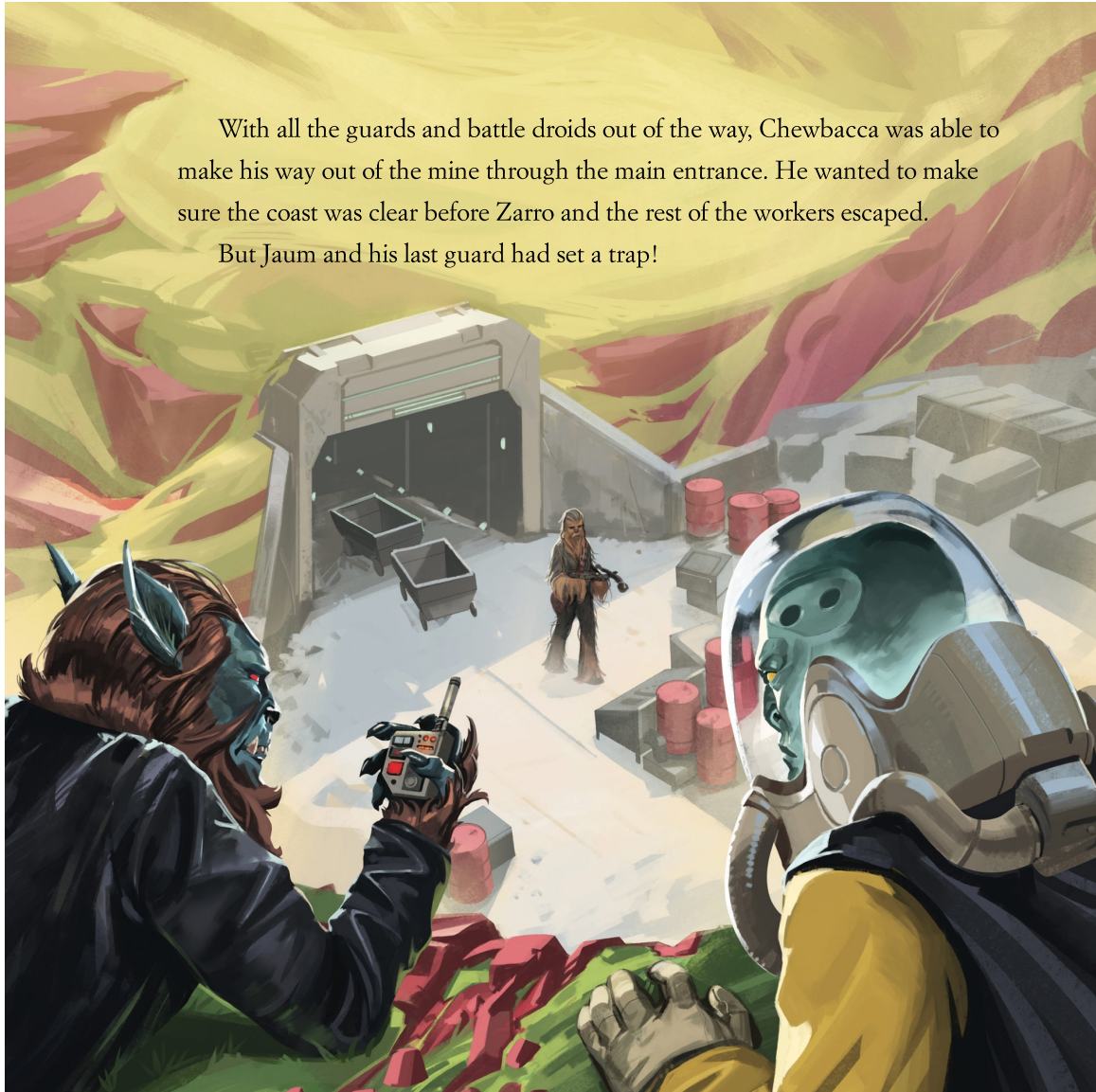
Chewie had an electro-stun prod of his own!





With all the guards and battle droids out of the way, Chewbacca was able to make his way out of the mine through the main entrance. He wanted to make sure the coast was clear before Zarro and the rest of the workers escaped.

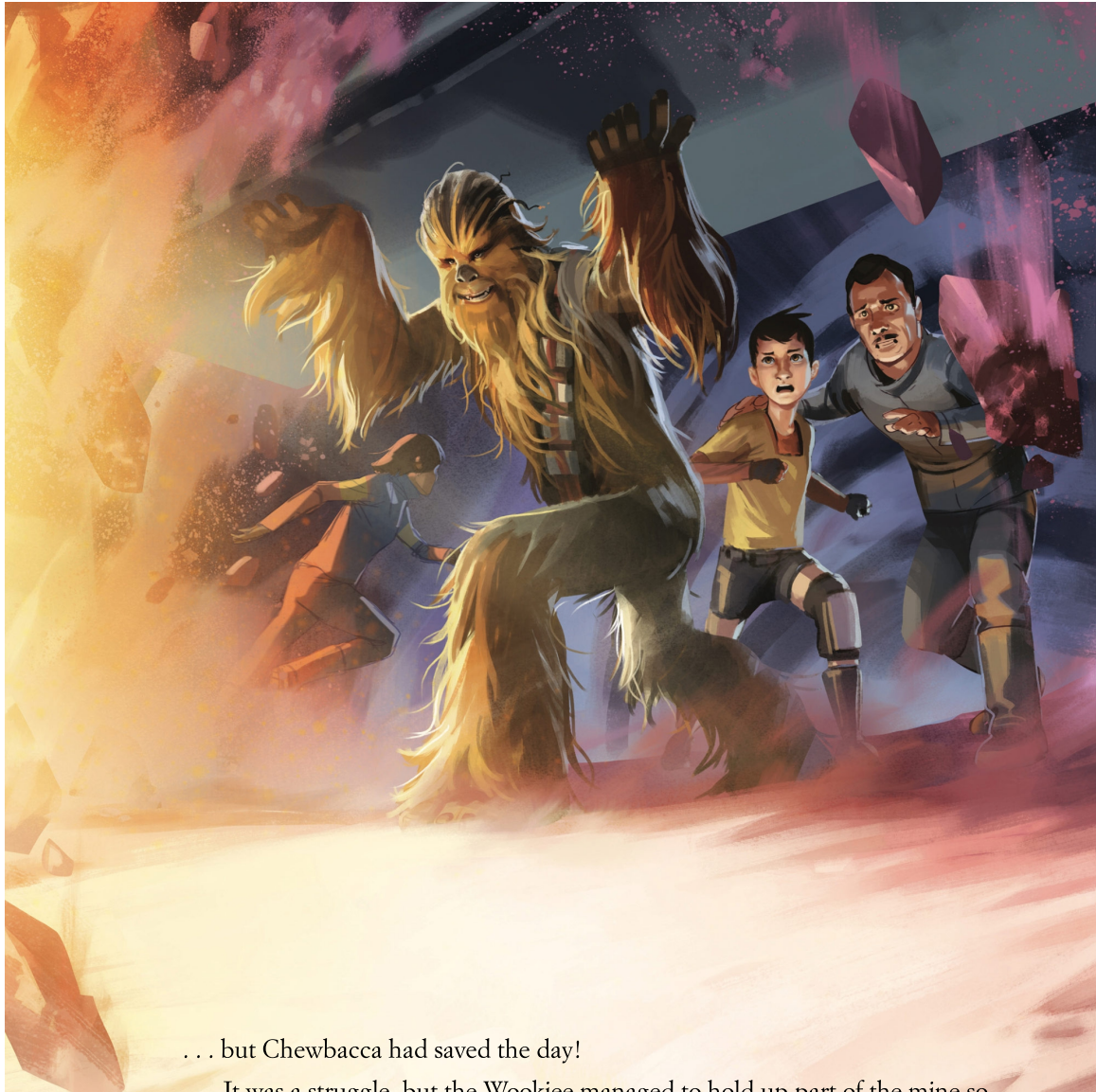
But Jaum and his last guard had set a trap!





The mine exploded in a fiery blast as Jaum's ship zoomed away from the planet.

The evil gangster had gotten away . . .



... but Chewbacca had saved the day!

It was a struggle, but the Wookiee managed to hold up part of the mine so everyone could run away from the collapsing rock.

With the entrance to the mine blocked by rubble, Zarro and her father and the workers needed to find another way out.

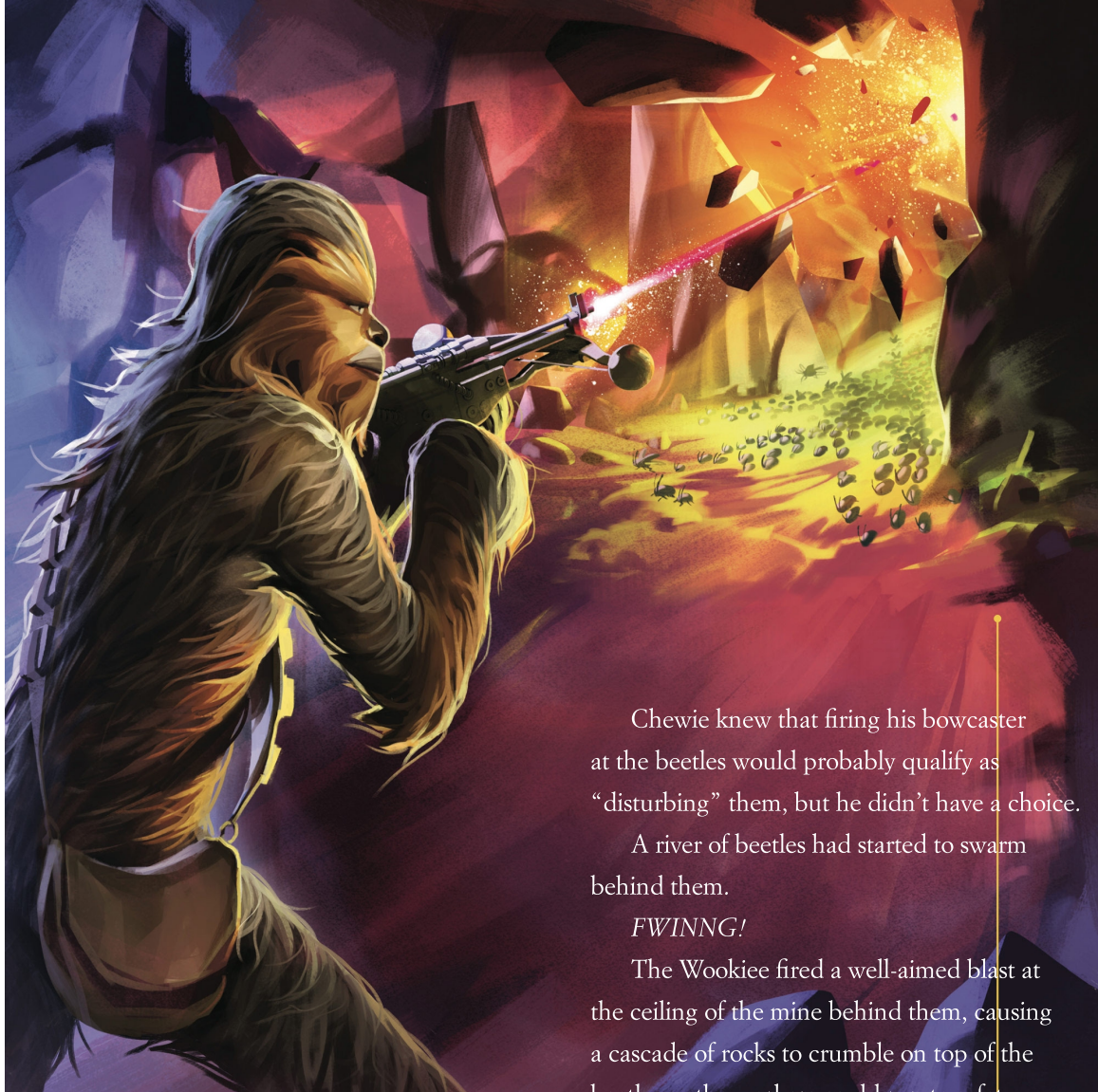
But they soon spotted something else to worry about: poisonous beetles were crawling their way!

“Don’t step on them,” Zarro’s father explained. “That sends the swarm into a fury.”

“We gotta move!” Zarro said.

“But slowly,” her father added. “If we disturb them at all, they’ll attack.”





Chewie knew that firing his bowcaster at the beetles would probably qualify as “disturbing” them, but he didn’t have a choice.

A river of beetles had started to swarm behind them.

FWINNG!

The Wookiee fired a well-aimed blast at the ceiling of the mine behind them, causing a cascade of rocks to crumble on top of the beetles and crush many of them.

Zarro and the other workers argued about how to escape the mine, but Chewie knew the only way out was up.

It was risky. Picking at the rocks above could cause the ceiling to collapse, as it had with the beetles. But it was their only option. And Chewbacca was the only one strong enough to try it.

Chewie grabbed a mining shovel and a long rope and started climbing.

It was hard work, slowly, carefully chipping away at the dirt and the rock while holding himself up. Chewbacca didn't like how often he was finding himself wriggling through such tight spaces . . .





... and he was glad when it was over!

Safely outside the mine, Chewie dropped the rope through the passageway he had created and pulled up Zarro, her father, and each of the other workers one by one.

"I'll never be able to thank you for keeping her safe and rescuing us," Zarro's father told Chewbacca as the girl gave the Wookiee one last hug.

Chewbacca simply roared a friendly good-bye.





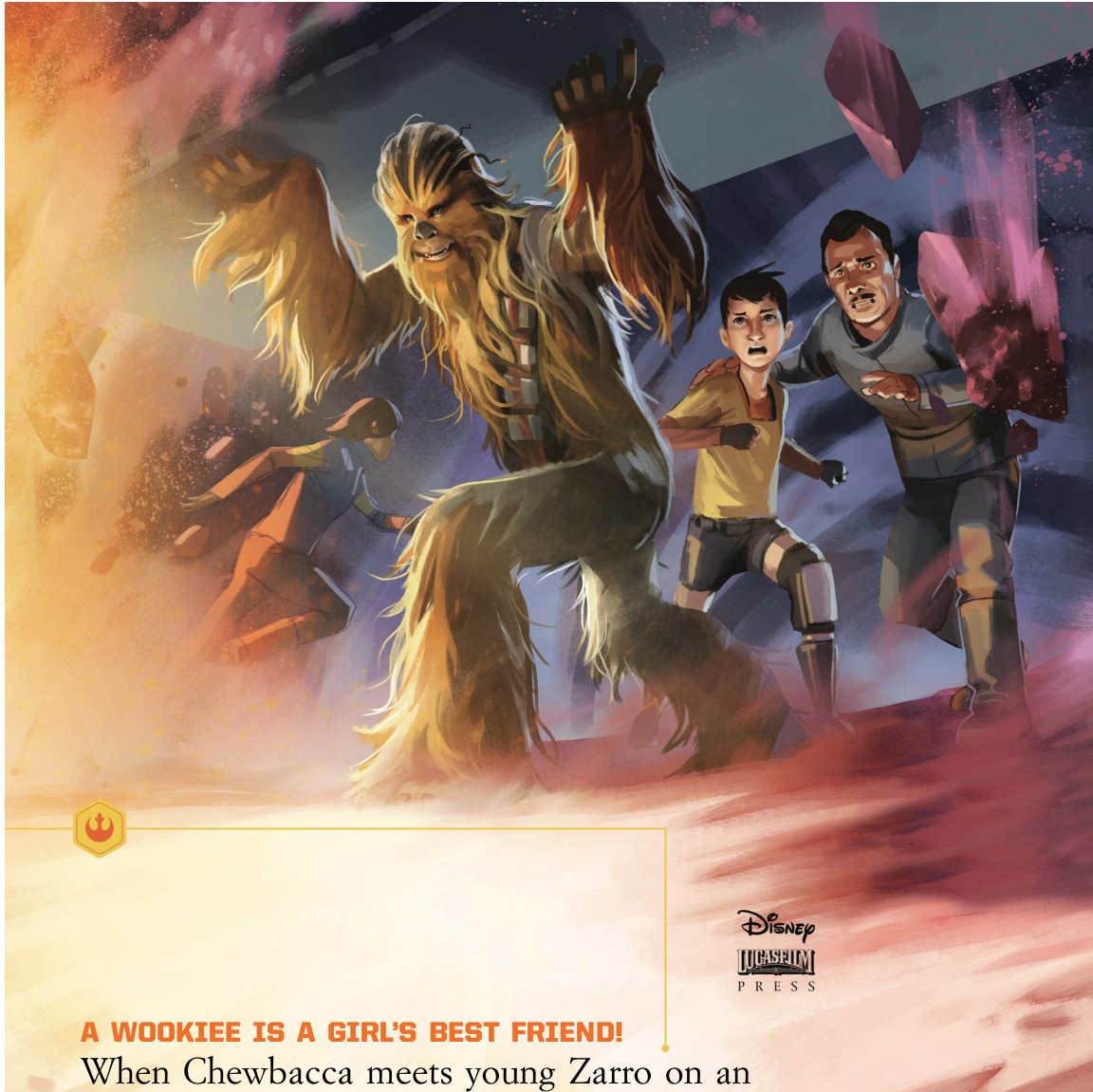
Chewie returned to his ship and zoomed off into the stars.

He had helped Zarro complete her mission, and now he had to finish his own. . . .

The galaxy needed Chewbacca.
He had to return to his friends in the Rebellion to keep fighting the Empire.
But first he wanted to see his family.
That was the most important mission of all.







A WOOKIEE IS A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND!

When Chewbacca meets young Zarro on an Outer Rim planet, he has no choice but to set aside his own mission to help her rescue her father from a dangerous mine.

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